

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 138

**Topic:** Merchandise or promotional material

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

Since 7 September 2013:

1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?
2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)
3. List the cost for each item
4. List the quantity of each item
5. Who suggested these material be created?
6. Who approved its creation?
7. Provide copies of authorisation
8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?
9. Who created the material?
10. How was that person selected?
11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?

**Answer:**

1. Yes. See Attachment A.

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Responses Questions 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 are presented below.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose (and was it for a specific policy or programme)?</b>	<b>Cost (including GST)</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Was the Minister informed? (date?)</b>	<b>Supplier/ creator</b>	<b>How was the supplier selected?</b>	<b>Number of suppliers considered</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary wattle pins forgotten Australians PO90003073	As part of the Find and Connect programme commemorative pins with the signatory Find and Connect wattle emblem were produced to remember the National Apology for Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants.	\$10,450.00	10,000	Minister Andrews was briefed 6 November 2013 – BR13-001172	Yetimo	DSS Printing and Promotional Products Panel	2
<i>Footprints in Time</i> t-shirts PO90004206	Incentives provided to Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children (LSIC): <i>Footprints in Time</i> participants following interview to retain participants in the study.	\$16,131.50	3,500	No	Intandem	DSS Printing and Promotional Products Panel	2
<i>Footprints in Time</i> backpacks PO90004325	Incentives provided to Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children (LSIC): <i>Footprints in Time</i> participants following interview to retain participants in the study.	\$23,320.00	4,000	No	Intandem	DSS Printing and Promotional Products Panel	2
<i>Footprints in Time</i> mugs and toothbrushes PO90004925	Incentives provided to Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children (LSIC): <i>Footprints in Time</i> participants following interview to retain participants in the study.	\$21,912.00	8,000	No	Intandem	DHS Printing and Production MUL	3

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Better practice complaint handling USBs PO90004323	The USBs contained a range of industry education resources from the Aged Care Complaints Scheme's (the Scheme) <i>Better Practice Complaint Handling Guide (the Guide)</i> to encourage aged care providers to self-print key resources, share them with staff across services and apply electronic versions of the templates, forms and tools to services.	\$4,367.00	1,000	No	Intandem	DSS Printing and Promotional Products Panel	1
Harmony Day Promo products : • stickers, • balloons, • posters, • ribbon on card PO90004356	Harmony Day is held annually on 21 March.	\$168,833.50	350,000 Stickers 550,000 Balloons 65,000 Posters 400,000 Ribbons	No	Intandem	DSS Printing and Promotional Products Panel	2

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5. Material creation was suggested by project officers within each of the relevant programme areas.
6. Approval was given by DSS project officers with the appropriate spending delegation.
7. Records of authorisation are stored electronically through the department's procurement systems.